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FOR SIMONS FROM THORNTON

1. DELIGHTED YOU HAVE CONTACTED GANKOVSKIY. PLEASE GIVE HIM MY WARMEST REGARDS AND THANK HIM PROFUSELY FOR THE KIND INVITATION TO KARIN AND MYSELF AND TELL HIM WE WOULD LOVE TO ACCEPT BUT DON'T SEE OUR WAY CLEAR TO GETTING TO MOSCOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT LEAST.

2. AS REGARDS HIS PROBLEMS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL:

A. I HAD ALREADY STARTED TO TRACK DOWN HAFEEZ MALIK AFTER I GOT GANKOVSKIY'S LETTER. HE HAS LEFT VILLANOVA ON LEAVE AND GONE TO ITALY, AFTER WHICH HE IS GOING ON TO LAHORE. AS FAR AS THE PEOPLE AT VILLANOVA KNOW, HE HAD NOT PLANNED TO GO TO THE USSR BUT NOBODY SEEMED VERY WELL INFORMED. MALIK'S ADDRESS IN LAHORE IS 40 FCC, GULBERG; IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN HE WILL GET THERE.

B. CONTACTED ROSBERG OF BERKLEY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TODAY. HE WILL SEND LETTER TO GAFUROV
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AS GANKOVSKIY REQUESTS. ROSBERG POINTS OUT, HOWEVER,

THAT IN WRITING TO SCRIABIN AND FEDOSEYEV, HE WAS ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT WERE

CONTAINED IN GANKOVSKIY TO ROSE LETTER AND THAT HE
HAD CONFIRMED THE PROPRIETY OF THE WHOLE THING WITH
THE SOVIET VICE CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO. ASSUME THAT
THIS IS ALL A TEMPEST IN A SAMOVAR. IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF YOU AND GANKOVSKIY COULD WORK
OUT THE PROTOCOL INVOLVED FOR ANY FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS
AND RELAY THIS TO ROSBERG VIA ME. SISCO

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